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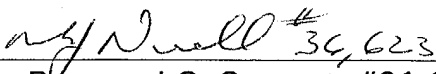
Favorable action on the claims is requested.

If the examiner has any questions concerning this response which can be resolved by telephone, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the applicant respectfully petitions for a five (5) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the requirement fee of \$985.00 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1055.

If the primary Deposit Account No. 50-1055 is deficient and non-payment will result in a loss of rights, the commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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